

## HABFINGER HOME STRICKEN BY GRIEF

Home Defense Member Shot by Negro Insisted Duty Called to Service.

### WIFE WAITED AT PHONE

The saddest home in Washington today is at 453 Q street, where Mrs. Isaac Halbfinger and her two daughters, Dena, age eighteen, and Sarah, age sixteen, weep over the desolation wrought by the negro who last night shot the husband and father through the heart.

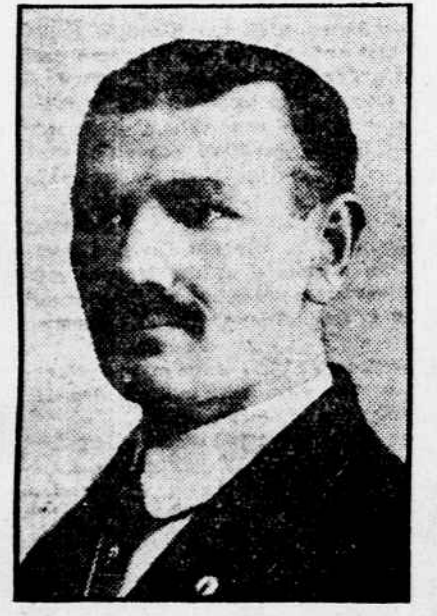
The widow was hysterical with grief today, and sat rocking back and forth, while her daughters, themselves on the verge of collapse, tried vainly to comfort her.

### Believed There Was No Danger.

"I told him not to go. I told him to be careful," sobbed the grief-stricken woman, who has not slept since Monday night. "But he said he ought to do his duty, and he told me there was no danger."

"Mamma," he told me, "there will be lots of policemen on the street, and there won't be any trouble. And I will call you up five or six times during the night, so you will know I am all right."

"He called me up once, early in the evening, and I never heard his voice



ISAAC W. HALBFINGER.

again," and putting her arms about her younger daughter, she wept without restraint.

No relatives or intimate friends of the family are in Washington, and there was no one to take charge of the funeral arrangements until March 1, 1920, when the bereaved family and friends gathered at the home with Rabbi Silverstein of Ohav Shalom Temple.

### Funeral Arrangements.

"I have made arrangements for the body to be taken from the hospital by a local undertaker," said Mr. Korman, "but I do not know where the money for funeral expenses is to come from. It seems that no provision is made by the Home Defense League for burial of its members who are killed while on duty. But, of course, some one must help this family in the present sad circumstances, and, though I did not know Mr. Halbfinger, I do all I can personally and through the Hebrew Charities to aid the family."

Lena, the older of the two daughters, is employed as a government clerk, and Sarah, the younger, has been attending school. Mr. Halbfinger worked independently as a taphanger. He carried a small life insurance policy, but the members of the family were too distressed today to discuss the future.

### Belmont a Native of Russia.

Benjamin Belmont, who was seriously shot at the same time that Halbfinger received his fatal wound, is twenty-three years old and a native of Russia.

He had been in the employ of the city post office as a temporary substitute clerk since last December, when he was discharged from the Army. During his Army service he was stationed at Camp Dix and Camp Meigs, and was preparing to go overseas when the armistice was signed.

He had a family here. His wife and three children are attempting to make a living by the aid of the deceased who are reported to be in Canada. No definite word of any other relatives has been received.

At the Emergency Hospital early this afternoon he was reported in a serious condition as yet, but it was



BENJAMIN BELMONT.

stated by physicians that he has a good chance for recovery. He is resting comfortably, but is allowed no visitors, and has not been able to tell police anything of the occurrence which resulted in the death of his fellow member of the Home Defense League.

He has been rooming at 603 P street northwest since his discharge from the Army.

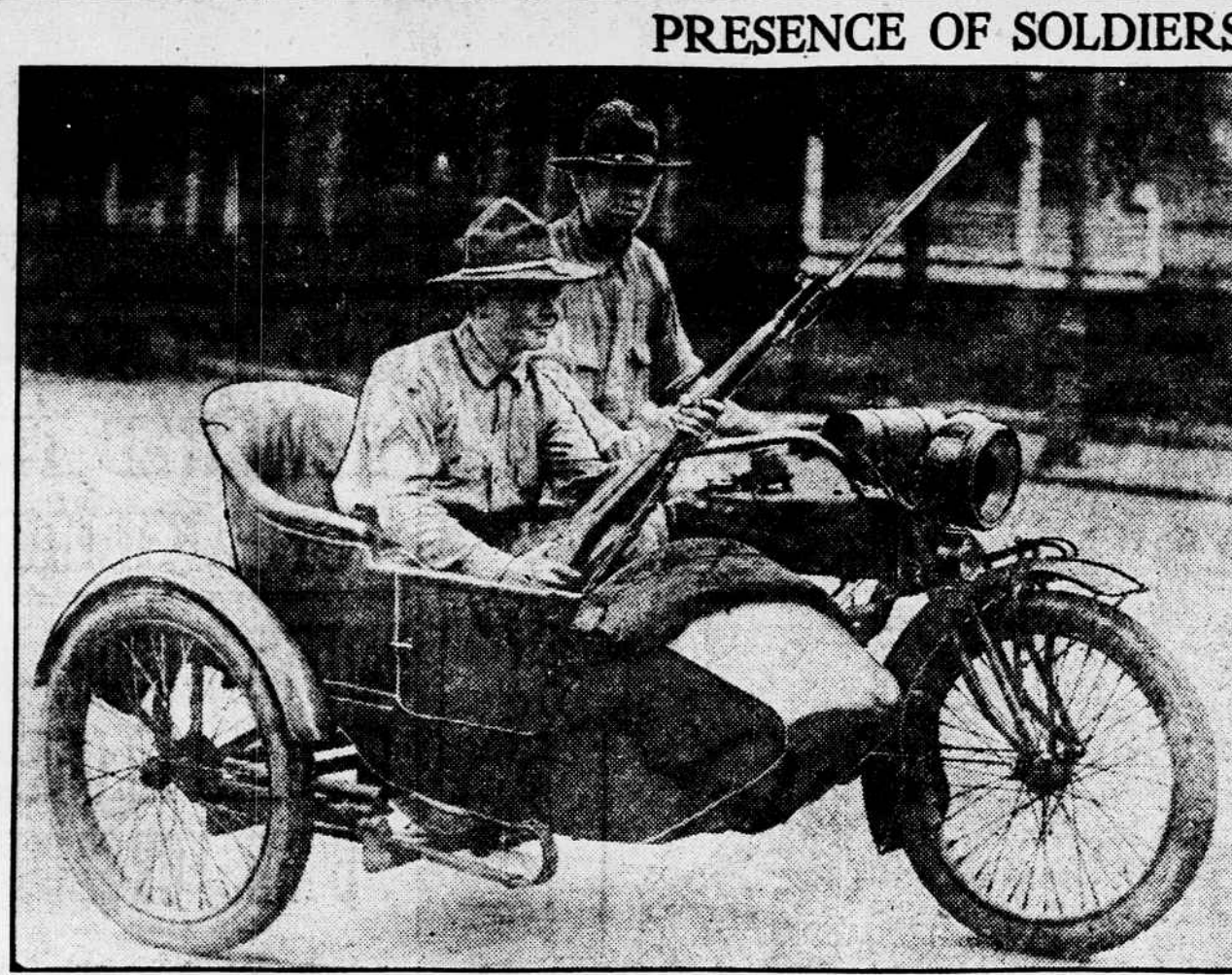
### DAY NORFOLK TRIPS SUSPEND.

The Penn and Lord Baltimore Found Service Too Strenuous.

Day steamboat service between Washington and Norfolk and intermediate points has been suspended for two weeks by the Washington-Norfolk Navigation Company. Announcement was made today by the company that the Penn, which has been making tri-weekly trips between Norfolk and Washington, has been withdrawn.

About ten days ago the Lord Baltimore, which also plies between Washington and Norfolk, was withdrawn after a breakdown. Up to that time there had been a daily schedule of trips, but with the withdrawal of the Lord Baltimore the Penn was the only boat in use.

It was stated by the company that the two boats were not staunch enough to stand the long trips with heavy loads. An attempt will be made, according to the company, to obtain a boat in time to place it in operation in about two weeks.



Boys leaving Camp Meigs armed for an emergency.

## FUND STARTED TO GIVE RELIEF WHEN CITY'S DEFENDERS FALL

Citizens in Movement Will Make Provision for Families of Police and Defense League Men.

A fund has been started for the relief of the families of members of the Washington police force and Home Defense League killed or dying from wounds received while acting in the performance of duty in quelling the riots of the last few days.

The initial suggestion for the raising of a relief fund was made to Maj. Pullman, chief of police, by Saks & Co., the company called attention to the fact that Detective Harry Wilson, the only member of the police department so far to lose his life, was formerly employed by it and that a relief fund should commemorate the bravery of the officer. Saks & Co. backed up its suggestion by a contribution of \$50.

### General Relief Fund.

Maj. Pullman suggested today that the families of members of the Home Defense League might also be made beneficiaries of a general relief fund, calling attention to the fact that there is no provision whatever through public funds or otherwise for caring for them.

Believing the cause a worthy one, The Evening Star Newspaper Company announces a contribution of \$500 to the general relief fund. And it will be glad to receive further subscriptions, acknowledging them in The Star and forwarding them promptly to Maj. Pullman. It is believed that many business men and other property owners and residents will desire thus to express their appreciation of the services of the men who are giving their lives for the maintenance of law and order in the National Capital. The Washington Post has announced a subscription of \$500 to the fund for the relief of families of slain policemen.

The suggestion of the financial relief movement by Saks & Co., is as follows:

"The killing of Detective Harry Wilson, to you and the entire police community, but to us it was particularly a sad shock, on account of the

## STOP GUN SALES, D. C. PLEA SENT CONGRESS

Board of Trade Committee Advises Also That Citizens Avoid Gathering on Streets.

Congress is asked promptly to pass an act prohibiting the sale of firearms in the District of Columbia in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the board of trade committee of the Board of Trade today. The resolution points out that the District Commissioners under present law are without authority to enforce such a regulation. Copies of the resolution will be forwarded to Vice President Marshall and Speaker Gillett.

The committee also adopted a resolution calling on all members of the Board of Trade and public-spirited citizens to refrain from gathering on the streets at night and from unnecessarily driving their automobiles through the streets, pending conclusion of the present state of unrest.

The resolution points out that the police of the city have been "greatly interfered with in the performance of their duty by the presence of persons peacefully disposed, but curiously inclined, in the neighborhood of gathering places, and that reported conditions in the District are largely exaggerated by the several precincts and the territory covered by the Home Defense League forces last night, officers of the league were convinced the general instructions issued were being observed."

The resolution asks all good citizens to lend their aid and support to the fullest extent to the police authorities in enforcing the law and maintaining order. President Brandenburg presided at the meeting.

### MRS. COLCORD BRINGS SUIT.

Seeks to Restrain Publishers From Using Her Work.

Suit for injunction has been filed in the District Supreme Court by Mrs. Anna L. Colcord, author of "One Hundred Bible Stories and Where to Find Them," against the Review and Herald Publishing Company of Takoma Park. She seeks to prevent the defendants from incorporating her work with its publication called "Bible Reading for the Home Circle" without giving her credit for the authorship.

She alleges that the defendant is infringing on her rights.

### Mrs. Virginia H. Sherwood Dies.

Word has been received here of the death Monday in Philadelphia of Mrs. Virginia H. Sherwood, formerly of this city. Mrs. Sherwood was the widow of Capt. Charles Sherwood and daughter of the late Maj. Philip and Amelia J. Hunterford. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Church of the Epiphany. Interment was in Congressional cemetery.

## PRESENCE OF SOLDIERS IN CITY HELPS TO KEEP DOWN RIOTING.



MAJ. GEN. W. G. HAAN.

In command of all troops ordered to duty in District of Columbia for the purpose of preserving order.

## RIOT INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT CITY

Preparations for Defense, Blind Alley Chase, Clearing Streets.

Just outside the 14th street entrance to the District building early last night a crowd gathered to watch the preparations of the headquarters detectives and police officials, sailors and Home Defense League members for entering on the various assignments given them.

The pavement was converted into a temporary arsenal. Scores of boxes of cartridges were opened and the clicking of revolvers being loaded became a familiar sound. A company of sailors was preparing for action just as Secretary of War Baker drove up to confer with Commissioner Brownlow.

### Went Over Top of Woodshed.

Conrad H. Syme, corporation counsel of the District of Columbia, didn't enjoy fighting in France, but he got the feeling of going "over the top" when he went to the top of a woodshed in a dark alley last night in a search for the murderer of Isaac S. Halbfinger, the Home Defense League member who lost his life in an altercation with a colored man at 9th and M streets northwest.

The District's legal adviser and two Army officers, with drawn revolvers, were among the first to penetrate a blind alley in the square. Of lighter build than his associates, Syme was seen to climb the top of a shed from which he slid in the darkness into ash barrels and other debris that covered the ground below. The Army officers got over with greater difficulty, and the trio then entered and searched several houses.

### Aid to Commissioners.

Frank Wells, for many years connected with the office of secretary to the District Commissioners and organizer of the community service for colored soldiers in the District, was one of the Commissioners' principal aids last night in keeping colored persons off the streets.

At War Camp Club, No. 3, colored entertainers were giving a musical entertainment that was attended by more than 300 persons, civilians as well as soldiers. The entertainment, fact, caught many who were turned out of the theaters and poolrooms by the police.

They have been given badges and arms, and, particularly, they have been warned not to go on duty unless they are obtaining orders from the league or the police department. Mr. Allmond said.

After visiting the several precincts and the territory covered by the Home Defense League forces last night, officers of the league were convinced the general instructions issued were being observed.

### FIFTEEN FORFEIT \$5 EACH.

Two of 17 Arrested for Disorderly Conduct Appear in Court.

Seventeen colored men had just finished drinking from a washbowl in a liquid concoction containing much alcohol Monday night in a house in the southwest when the police broke up the party and arrested the men. All were scheduled to appear before Judge Harrison this morning on the charge of disorderly conduct, but when their names were called fifteen were missing and each forfeited \$5.

The men who forfeited \$5 each were Fred Botta, William Fisher, John H. Clark, Jefferson Matthews, Nelson Hewlett, Charles E. Price, Alfred Douglas, Edward Jackson, Edward Gibson, Frank Coates, Carroll Ford, Theodore Jackson, Harry Jackson, Robert Smith, John Fairfax. The remaining two men—Levy Morrison and Wendell Smith—were locked up for hearing tomorrow.

### Civil Service Examinations.

Examinations for positions in the classified civil service have been announced by the Civil Service Commission. An open competitive test for machinist's helper will be held August 26, and other examinations will be held for the positions of teacher of agriculture and check and bond sorter.

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ing to make a search for weapons. At any rate, the crowd dispersed and no trouble was caused."

Inspector Grant's crew responded to a call received from 9th and M streets, where the double shooting occurred, and found a crowd of approximately 2,000 persons, chiefly whites.

"We got busy and drove them across what I termed the Mason and Dixon line," the inspector stated. "We did what we could to keep them from going to the 'black belt,' where we feared they might start trouble, and started them south, east and west until we had the crowd dispersed."

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Trueman's Hospital reports one case, Paul Scott, colored, 907 U street northwest, shot in the left leg. He was injured yesterday afternoon at a colored man, accidentally shot Scott. His injuries are slight.

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### Ready to Afford Protection.

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One instance of stones being thrown at street cars was reported last night. Car No. 4 on the Columbia branch of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, was at 4th and Hayes streets northeast, not far from Seat Pleasant, shortly before midnight, when stones were thrown by persons secreted in the dark. The motorist was not injured. He was un-

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able to see the persons who threw the stones, and an investigation by police of the ninth precinct failed to establish their identity.

Checking up of the hospitals that treat emergency cases this morning showed only three patients treated during the past twenty-four hours as a result of acts of violence in the race rioting.

At the Emergency Hospital only two cases were handled. Isaac B. Halbfinger, 458 Q street northwest, who was shot by a colored man in 9th street near M street northwest, was dead when picked up. His body was taken to this hospital. The other case is that of Benj. Belmont, 603 P street northwest, who was with Halbfinger at the time he was killed. Belmont was seriously injured, receiving a pistol wound in his chest. The hospital physician said this morning that his condition is favorable; that he shows decided improvement, and that he will recover unless a complication sets in or pneumonia attacks the patient.

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was at home, the three armed men took positions about the premises to prevent him from escaping, and it was while he was leaving through a rear window that a bullet in the calf of his right leg stopped his flight. The wounded man was taken to Casualty Hospital.

Marine Shot by Watchman.

Louis Hazlicek, private, headquarters postmaster department, U. S. M. C., is believed to be dying as a result of a bullet wound he received in his neck during a disturbance on Pennsylvania avenue just east of 15th street about 11 o'clock Monday night.

He was transferred, from Emergency Hospital to Naval Hospital and is being given the best treatment possible. Paralysis developed shortly after he was wounded, however, and he has been unable to speak since he was shot.

Theodore Macmahon Walker, colored, 607 Morton street, a watchman in the Treasury Department, is held in custody, charged with the shooting. It is said by the police that he admitted discharging his revolver after he had been assaulted, but declared the shot was aimed in the air and not low enough to do any harm. Walker was taken from his place of employment on a bicycle with motor attachment, and it is stated, rode into a crowd assembled on Pennsylvania avenue. He exhibited an injury to his scalp which, he said, was inflicted by an unidentified member of the crowd, and it was after he was struck, he declared, that he discharged his pistol.

Policeman J. T. Langley of the third precinct went in pursuit of Walker, leaped from a police automobile and landed directly on the motorist, who was going to the pavement together. Walker's revolver, one chamber empty, was preferred against him and he is held pending the outcome of the marine's wound. Should the accused be found guilty, he will be sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder and hear witnesses describe the shooting.

### Army Supplies Revolvers.

Approximately 1,000 Colt revolvers of 45-caliber and 26,000 rounds of ammunition were on hand at police headquarters last night for distribution to the police and policemen. Every policeman in Washington was provided with one of these revolvers and several rounds of ammunition.

Several of the machines were put on "cruising duty," running through streets in the troubled sections.

The quick methods of transportation furnished through Lieut. Fisk and the cavalry were of great assistance in measures of the protective work in the city last night. Great stress was laid on the necessity of getting to the scene of any trouble within a short space of time.

Hundreds of troops poured into the city before midnight, from Camp Meade. Added to the men of the provost guard and strong detachments of marines from Quantico, this force was organized into one of the strongest protective bodies of men ever mobilized in Washington for local duty.

### Inquest Held in Armistead Case.

An inquest was held at the morgue late yesterday afternoon in the case of Thompson Armistead, a colored chauffeur, who was killed at 7th and M streets Monday night, when numerous pistol shots were fired by colored men and the police. It was during this disturbance that a bullet pierced the cap of Detective E. W. Doyle of the second precinct. The jury reached a verdict that the identity of the person who killed Armistead had not been established.

### A Persian Carpet has been in use for over 200 years in the main hall of the shah's palace, Teheran.

## RESOLUTIONS ON RIOT ADOPTED BY PASTORS

Will Be Read From Pulpits Sunday—Support to Authorities Promised.

The race question, out of which the recent riots in the District of Columbia have grown, was discussed at a special meeting of the Pastors' Federation of the District of Columbia today at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The meeting, which was addressed by Commissioner Louis Brownlow, was an executive one. Only members of the federation and several members of the Parents' League (colored) were permitted to attend.

Meeting Made Private.

Prior to the opening of the meeting, at which Rev. Dr. Palmer, pastor of the Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, presided, there was some discussion of the riots. Rev. Edward C. Dinwiddie made the motion that the meeting be an executive one, and that the members of the federation be excluded. The motion was carried, however.

Commissioner Brownlow spoke for some time on the situation and discussed race matters in the District. He declined to make a statement at the meeting regarding his remarks. None of those in attendance would extend to the Commissioners their support in the present trouble; that the members of their churches be urged to keep their children off the streets at night; and also that a copy of the resolutions be read from the church pulpits.

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